



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: RICHARD WASHINGTON ET AL.

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For: SLIP RING APPARATUS

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Examiner: GILMAN, A.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 4, 2005**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time for three month(s) to and including November 4, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated May 4, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, a check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed, which is the fee for a three month(s) extension of time. No additional fees are believed due, however should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to

the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such additional fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/COVI:005.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.126(a) to be timely, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time, and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any requisite extension of time fees under 37 CFR 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/COVI:005.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.